IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Rembert Pieper and N. Leigh Anderson

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Serial No. 09/977,358

Examiner: TBA

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For: IMMUNOSUBTRACTION METHOD FOR:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a one-month extension of time to extend the time for response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply of 13 December 2001 and the previous Notice to File Missing Parts mailed 15 November 2001 to 15 February 2002. A check in the amount of \$55.00 for the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is attached. This Petition is being filed in duplicate.

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may become due in connection with the instant application to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Respectfully submitted.

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